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1. THE ARRIVAL OF SOVIET PREMIER KISYGIN IN ANKARA ON DECEMBER 26 WAS UNEVENTFUL. MET BY PRIMIN DEMIREL AND MEMBERS OF HIS CABINET AT THE AIRPORT, KOSYGIN MADE A BRIEF ARRIVAL STATEMENT SAYING THAT RELATIONS BETWEEN THE SOVIET UNION AND TURKEY WERE GOOD AND THAT HE HOPED HIS VISIT WOULD IMPROVE THEM. THE MOTORCADE FROM THE AIRPORT TO ANKARA ENCOUNTERED VERY LITTLE PUBLIC REACTION. HEAVY SECURITY PRECAUTIONS HAD BEEN TAKEN BY THE TURKISH GOVERNMENT TO PREVENT UNDESIRABLE INCIDENTS AND THESE WERE GENERALLY EFFECTIVE. ACCORDING TO THE PRESS, SMALL
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GROUPS OF STUDENTS BOOED THE MOTORCADE AT TWO DIFFERENT

POINTS AND ONE GROUP OF CITIZENS BROKE INTO APPLAUSE AS IT PASSED THROUGH THE CENTER OF THE CITY.

2. SHORTLY AFTER HIS ARRIVAL KOSYGIN LAID A WREATH AT THE TOMB OF ATATURK AND IMMEDIATELY THEREAFTER MET BRIEFLY WITH PRIMIN DEMIREL IN THEIR FIRST OFFICIAL MEETING. LATER DEMIREL GAVE A DINNER FOR THE SOVIET DELEGATION, DURING WHICH HE RESPONDED TO KOSYGIN'S ARRIVAL STATEMENT SAYING THAT HE GIVES GREAT IMPORTANCE TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF SOVIET-TURKISH RELATIONS, THAT A POSITIVE ATMOSPHERE EXISTS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES AND THAT TURKISH-SOVIET FRIENDSHIP SERVES WORLD PEACE.

3. OFFICIAL TALKS BEGIN DECEMBER 27 AND ACCORDING TO A STATEMENT BY PRIMIN DEMIREL, THE TALKS WILL INVOLVE BOTH ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL ISSUES. ACCORDING TO THE PRESS, GOVERNMENT SOURCES HAVE INDICATED THAT A NEW CIVIL AVIATION AGREEMENT AND A NEW CONSULAR AGREEMENT ARE AMONG THE SUBJECTS THAT WILL BE DISCUSSED.

4. ON DECEMBER 28, KOSYGIN AND DEMIREL WILL FLY TO ISKENDERUN FOR THE INAUGURATIVE OF A STEEL MILL WHICH HAS BEEN CONSTRUCTED WITH SOVIET CREDITS. THEY WILL RETURN TO ANKARA THE SAME EVENING. DECEMBER 29 KOSYGIN WILL MEET WITH OPPOSITION LEADER REPUBLICAN PEOPLE'S PARTY (RPP) PRESIDENT BULENT ECEVIT AND PERHAPS OTHER POLITICAL PARTY LEADERS BEFORE RETURNING TO THE SOVIET UNION.

5. NEWSPAPER COVERG DECEMBER 27 REMAINS LOW KEY. A MAJOR FIRE IN ISTANBUL IS THE NUMBER ONE NEWS STORY AND HAS FORCED COVERAGE OF KOSYGIN'S ARRIVAL OFF THE FIRST PAGE OF THE NATION'S LARGEST NEWSPAPER, HURRIYET. MOST NEWSPAPER ARTICLES NOTE THAT THE VISIT COMES DURING A PERIOD OF STRAIN IN TURKISH RELATIONS WITH THE UNITED STATES, BUT THE CONSENSUS OF THESE ARTICLES IS THAT ECONOMIC RATHER THAN POLITICAL ISSUES WILL DOMINATE THE TALKS. THE DECEMBER 27, EDITION OF AYRINTILI HABER (A NEW NEWSPAPER OF MODEST CIRCULATION) INCLUDES AN 8-PAGE COLOR SUPPLEMENT ON THE VISIT THAT APPEARS TO HAVE UNCLASSIFIED

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